

Study suggests each rupee invested in vermicompost preparation yields ₹2.04 in return, but Bengaluru still sending over 70% of its solid waste to landfills instead of composting it

WHAT A WASTE

Nearly 62-65% of waste generated is biodegradable

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Bengaluru is managing less than 30% of its total solid waste through vermicomposting and bio-methanation, while more than 70% is still reaching landfills, a study on the cost-benefit analysis of converting solid waste into vermicompost in Bengaluru has highlighted.

The analysis indicates that the returns per rupee of investment in vermicompost preparation in Bengaluru are 2.04, indicating that

each rupee invested in vermicompost preparation yields Rs 2.04 in return. Researchers thus underline that investment in vermicomposting is economically feasible, while being eco-friendly.

The data on various aspects of solid waste was collected by researchers from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and underlined that nearly 62 to 65 per cent of the solid waste generated was biodegradable, which can be easily converted into vermicompost. In Bengaluru, about 3,200 tonnes of solid waste per day were landfilled in three sites,

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Efforts should be made to convert biodegradable waste into vermicompost on a larger scale to reduce the burden on the landfills and also the use of chemical fertilisers

— From the study

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As cases of house break-ins, mobile snatching, robberies rise, city police have brought back the Nakabandi system with renewed rigour



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THINGS TO DO

01 Artful aid

Bruno's Pet Friendly cafe is going to be displaying several pieces of art for the UCS fundraiser. Every rupee goes towards the food, care, and medical assistance for community dogs. A painting by filmmaker Jaishankar Pandit will go towards the treatment and rehab of Evie, a breeder discard. **Where:** Bruno's cafe, Halasuru; **When:** April 14 to May 1, 9 am to 9 pm



02 Artistic journey

National Gallery of Modern Art is inaugurating an in-house curated exhibition 'Journeying the life experience through art: Amitabh Sengupta's Odyssey of six decades'. **Where:** National Gallery of Modern Art, Palace Road; **When:** April 25, 5 pm



03 Story unfolds

BIC is organising a conversation on 'Heart Lamp: Selected Stories', where author Banu Mushtaq will delve into fearless storytelling and her portrayal of women navigating faith, family, and societal expectations in southern India. **Where:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur; **When:** April 20, 6 pm



04 Musical evening

Windmills is presenting a weekend of world-fusion music with globe-trotting musician Denis Stern, who has deep roots in flamenco, jazz, Latin, Gypsy, and Middle Eastern music. **Where:** Windmills, Whitefield; **When:** April 18 and 19, 9.30 pm



05 Rhythm remix

The Honey Mustard party is back for its 12th edition with Savepuri, Marc Morais, Karun Mathani, and Vidur Grover performing. **Where:** SOCIAL, Indiranagar; **When:** April 19, 8 pm



Sacred remembrance

A reenactment of Good Friday was performed at St Theresa Church in Bengaluru, on Friday. As devotees gathered to commemorate the day, the atmosphere was filled with prayer and reflection, uniting the faithful in a shared moment of devotion and remembrance

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End of the tunnel for Malleswaram market project?

BDA assures market complex work to be completed by August, but vendors remain sceptical after repeated deadline delays

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The operationalisation of the Malleswaram market complex appears uncertain, given the current pace of development. The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) initiated the project over a decade ago, but progress remains limited.

BDA Assistant Executive Engineer Suresh R stated that all ongoing works are expected to be completed within four months. The contractor has been directed to expedite the remaining tasks, with the market complex anticipated to be ready

for inauguration by August.

However, around 140 vendors who have been doing business on footpaths and temporary shops all these years are not ready to take BDA Assistant Executive Engineer's assurance as the BDA has failed to meet many deadlines to complete the works at the market complex.

"As of now, more than 140 vendors are confined to small temporary shops provided by the authorities more than a decade ago. We have been approaching the BDA engineer to know the progress of the ongoing work. We are told that the BDA has constructed more than 200 shops to accommodate all the vendors," said a plantain



The market complex, a joint venture between BDA and BBMP, remains incomplete even two-and-half years after the extended deadline

leaf vendor, on the condition of anonymity. The vendors stated that they do not have an active association, as it became defunct following the passing of most executive committee members. "We are yet to form an association for the welfare of all vendors who depend on this market for survival," said a vendor.

The majority of temporary shops set up by the authorities are being used as warehouses due to the lack of electricity. A vendor highlighted that only a few shops have power, while most rely on UPS for lighting at night. Additionally, electricity was provided by the authorities for only six months. "Some of the vendors have stopped using the shops due to lack of electric-

ity. Earlier, we used to pay Rs 1,000 per month towards the rent. Now, we are not paying the rent," the vendor noted.

Notably, the BDA was in the news when it tried to back out of the Malleswaram market project in December 2014, as it wanted to focus on its complexes at Indiranagar, RT Nagar, and Austin Town. The land on which the market complex is being constructed belongs to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The BDA has taken up the construction of the market complex in a joint venture with the BBMP. The project was expected to be completed by 2022, but it is incomplete even two-and-half years after the extended deadline.

Voices unite to empower students with financial aid

Bangalore's Cecilian Choir is raising funds for St Joseph's University Scholarship Program, which provides financial assistance to students from economically weaker sections of society, through concerts on April 26 and 27 at the St Joseph's University Auditorium. The scholarship programme supports differently abled students, along with students who have an excellent academic record and high achievements in the field of sports and culture.

Since 1982, over 320 singers and musicians have been part of the Cecilian Choir's mission of Service Through Song. Over the years, the choir has supported numerous charitable causes, including the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Maria Seva Sangha,

Abala Ashraya Sangha, Atma Shakti Vidyalaya Society, The Karunashraya Hospice, and Sumanahalli Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre, amongst others.

'Memories Are Made of This', the concert's first half, will showcase foot-tapping music spanning eight decades, including a Broadway musical medley, jazz, ballads and masterpieces, some performed a cappella. In the second half, the choir will present 'Remember the Cross', an Easter Cantata that intertwines songs from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday in a blended, contemporary setting.

The choir will be conducted by Deirdre Fernandes-Dominic, accompanied by Rebecca Thomas-Colaco on the piano, Justin A Santosh on the drums, Eric



The concert showcases the choristers' passion for singing, while also helping to raise funds for students in genuine need

Samuel playing the guitar, Pearl Mukadam on the bass, Darren Sherwin and Sabarish R handling keyboards.

The 25 choristers guarantee audiences a quintessential choral performance that showcases

their passion for singing, while also helping to raise funds for students in genuine need.

The concert is scheduled on April 26 and 27 at 3.30 and 6.30 pm at St Joseph's University, Langford Road. — BMB

RTE applications to be accepted until May 12

The Department of School Education has begun accepting online applications for admissions under the Right to Education (RTE) Act for the 2025-26 academic year in aided and private schools. The application window is open from April 15 to May 12, with May 12 being the final date for submission, as per a circular issued by the Commissioner.

To address potential technical issues during the application process, the department has developed a dedicated software system through which parents can file specific complaints along with supporting documents. Following the application period, document verification will be conducted until May 14. The list of eligible candidates will be released on May 17, and the first round of seat allotment is scheduled for May 21.

For complete details, parents can visit the department's official website: <https://schooleducation.karnataka.gov.in>. To assist parents applying under the 25% RTE quota, the department has also published a list of eligible neighbourhood schools on its website. — BMB

When it rains, it pours at this Indira Canteen

Defunct water pump, kitchen equipment, leaky roof are just a few of the issues this canteen near Halasuru Gate suffers from

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Indira Canteens were constructed with precast structures and are expected to be leak-proof. Most of the structures were constructed six to seven years ago. However, the condition of the Indira Canteens is far from satisfactory. Roofs at some of the Indira Canteens are leaky whenever it rains, thus causing inconvenience to people having food.

For example, the Indira Canteen, near Halasuru Gate Police Station, craves for the attention of the authorities concerned. Its roof leaks whenever it rains. It is learnt that the ward engineer is yet to fix the problem despite the canteen staff informing him a few months later about the issue. "I have informed the ward engineer who assured me that the problem will be fixed. I hope the engineer will attend to the problem without any delay," said Karthik, in-charge of the Indira Canteen.

He said the Indira Canteen does not have water supply as the water pump is defunct. "We store water in plastic containers and steel vessels for our customers," he said.

Some of the people who visited the Indira Canteen complained that there is no water supply to wash hands. "Maintenance of this Indira Canteen is disappointing. Rice and sambar are cold as there is no facility to keep them warm. Most of the equipment at the canteen is defunct," said Munikrishna N, who

works at a shop.

Expressing a similar opinion, Purushotham S, an auto rickshaw driver, said the canteen is not clean.

"The need of the hour is to ensure hygiene at the canteen. The BBMP officials must repair the water pump and the kitchen equipment without any delay," said Purushotham.

Chandrashekhar S, a street vendor, said the quality of the food being served at Indira Canteen is far from satisfactory. "I know it is difficult to provide quality food at subsidised prices. The BBMP has to increase the allocation of funds for the maintenance of Indira Canteens to ensure serving of quality food to people from economically poor families," he said.

Demanding that the BBMP focus on a clean environment around the Indira Canteen, Nagesh N, auto rickshaw driver, said BBMP authorities must also ensure a vacant lot adjacent to the canteen is kept clean. "The vacant place looks like a garbage dump. It has become an eyesore and health hazard," he said.



Leaky roof, defunct equipment and dry taps at the Indira Canteen near Halasuru Gate Police Station speak of the poor maintenance issues

Auto driver torments woman for selfie, number

The police arrested an auto-rickshaw driver on Friday for harassing a woman at a public place, demanding her contact number and pestering her to allow him to take a selfie with him. The incident took place in the Pulakeshinagar police station limits. The arrested person was identified as Mani.

According to police, the woman was standing with her male friend near a shop when the accused auto-rickshaw driver approached her and asked her to share her contact number with him.

The accused also demanded that she allow him to take a selfie with her. The woman later told the police that the accused even attempted to take a selfie.

She later lodged a complaint with the police demanding action against him.

The victim has claimed that she does not know the accused and that he was a stranger. The police were investigating the case.

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Flashing: Man arrested

A 21-year-old man, identified as Karthik, was arrested by the Shivajinagar police on Thursday in Ramanagara for allegedly exposing himself to a woman and attacking her family members with a brick. The incident took place on the night of April 13 in Rajiv Gandhi Colony on Queen's Road, when Karthik reportedly misbehaved with the woman and assaulted her husband and others who confronted him.

According to police, the woman was heading to sleep on the second floor of her house after dinner when Karthik, who lives in the opposite, allegedly removed his pants and flashed her. When the woman informed her husband, he confronted Karthik, who began attacking

him. Police officials explained that he was drunk and might have had a fight earlier or some sort of revenge which led to such circumstances.

An FIR has been registered under multiple sections, including assault and public obscenity. During interrogation, Karthik claimed he was urinating when the woman saw him, leading to a scuffle. However, locals allege he has a history of inappropriate behaviour with women in the neighbourhood. The accused has been remanded to judicial custody. -BMB

TG Halli fully revived but water remains elusive

Despite a ₹315 crore investment, BWSSB is still waiting for Yettinahole water inflow to fully begin operations at the newly built reservoir

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After lying dormant for nearly a decade, the Thippagondanahalli (TG Halli) Reservoir has been fully revived by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). However, despite the completion of all infrastructure works, the reservoir has yet to supply water to Bengaluru due to the unavailability of water from the Yettinahole project.

Under the Yettinahole water project, a total of 2.5 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of water has been allocated to Bengaluru — 1.7 TMC for the TG Halli Reservoir and 0.8 TMC for the Hesarahatta Reservoir.

An official said, "Relying on the expected inflow from Yettinahole, the BWSSB had taken up compre-



File photo: TG Halli reservoir catchment area

hensive revival works at TG Halli, which included setting up a water purification unit, sewage treatment plant, and pumping station. Though construction is complete, there is no sign of water arriving from Yettinahole in near future, posing a major challenge to the BWSSB — keeping the new infrastructure operational without it falling into disrepair."

₹315 crore spent on revival

Located about eight kilometres from Tavarekere on the Bengaluru-Magadi Road, the TG Halli Reservoir was built in the 1930s and began supplying 27 million litres per day (MLD) to the city in 1933. Over time, the supply increased, peaking at 135 MLD in 1974. However, due to severe contamination, the inflow gradually declined, rendering the water unfit for consumption. As a result, water supply from TG Halli to Bengaluru was halted in December 2012. In a bid to revive the reservoir, the state government approved res-

toration work and associated infrastructure upgrades on February 28, 2019. The project was awarded at an estimated cost of ₹315.03 crore, including a 10-year operation and maintenance contract.

A BWSSB official said, "Around 1.7 TMC of water from Ettinahole is expected to be received by June this year. However, the water has yet to reach the vicinity of TG Halli. The board plans to flush out polluted water from the reservoir before the Ettinahole inflow begins, but this move has faced resistance from local farmers who fear it could dry up nearby borewells."

Blended supply with Cauvery water

To ensure optimal use of the revived infrastructure and prevent machinery corrosion, the BWSSB is currently treating 5 to 10 million litres per day (MLD) of available water and blending it with Cauvery water to supply parts of western Bengaluru. This method, recommended by sci-

“ Though construction is complete, there’s no sign of water from Yettinahole, posing a major challenge — keeping the new infrastructure running without it falling into disrepair — BWSSB official

entists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), makes the water safe for consumption. The board continues to supply this treated-blended water daily, while hoping for a timely inflow from the Yettinahole project to initiate full-scale operations at TG Halli. Officials noted that despite the significant investment and strategic revival, the success of TG Halli's return hinges entirely on the arrival of Yettinahole water — without it, the city cannot fully tap into the reservoir's potential.

Quick fix or long haul as tech tested on city roads

With potholes still plaguing city roads, the government is now banking on a new technology — Ecofix, a cold mix developed by CSIR-CRRI using iron and steel slag. The government claims this new solution, designed for water-filled potholes, requires minimal labour, can be applied quickly, and roads can be used immediately after filling. A pilot project was launched on December 10, 2024, along SH-265, in collaboration with CSIR-CRRI and Ramuka Global Services. Ecofix is being touted as a game-changer for waterlogged and high-rainfall districts, aiming to ensure smoother, safer roads even in challenging conditions. Officials noted that urban congestion often delays pothole repairs, but Ecofix can be applied even during off-peak hours, including at night. Packaged in 30 kg and 50 kg bags,



Patchy roads may soon be history — new Ecofix technology promises quicker, durable pothole repairs for safer urban commutes

it is easy to transport to work sites. This tech-driven solution promises speed, cost-efficiency, and durability — but will it finally end the city's pothole problem, or will these craters continue to rule the roads? — BMB

Court raps state over Waqf protest

The Karnataka High Court expressed strong disapproval of the state government's decision to permit protests against the Waqf Act while the matter is still pending before the Supreme Court. Justice M Nagaprasanna observed that it was inappropriate to allow such demonstrations during ongoing proceedings in the apex court. "The state shall bear in mind that the matter is seized by the apex court qua the amendment to the Waqf Act, and a protest of this kind should not be permitted," he said.

The court also directed the government to ensure that roads are not blocked during such events. It stressed that protests must take place only in authorised zones with proper permissions. "If there is no permission, there is no protest," the court stated. These observations came during a hearing on a petition filed by Rajesh A from Mangaluru. The petitioner, represented by advocates Hemanth R Rao and Leelesh Krishna, challenged a notice from the city's Police Commissioner advising private and state-run bus operators to suspend services on part of National Highway 73 due to protests.

The state later informed the court that traffic was not disrupted and alternative routes suggested. — BMB

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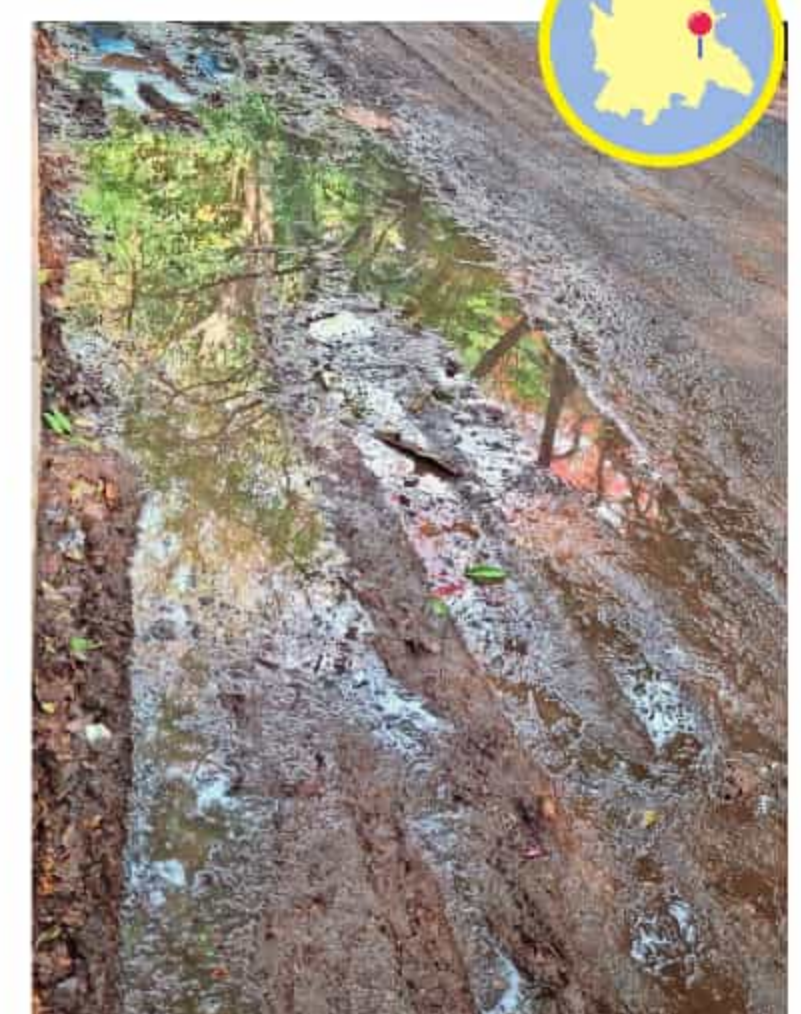
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Trash trouble RT Nagar



Residents in 1st Block, RT Nagar especially around Citizen Park are troubled by constant littering of wrappers and products from a milk booth, with the public nuisance continuing unchecked.

Muddy mayhem Cubbon Park



Cubbon Park turns into a slushy mess with every spell of rain, exposing poor maintenance and administrative neglect.

Vehicle vex Haudin Road



An abandoned vehicle has been lying near the no-entry barricade on Haudin Road (off Ulsoor Road) for over two months. Despite repeated complaints, traffic police remain unresponsive.

Cops step up night checks to curb robberies

Amid surge in property crimes, Bengaluru police intensify Nakabandi checks with more barricades, body cams, and citizen volunteers



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As cases of house break-ins, mobile snatching, and robberies are on the rise, the city police have brought back the Nakabandi system with renewed focus and enhanced measures. While Nakabandi checkpoints have always existed alongside regular night beat patrolling, the system has now been intensified over the past three months.

Previously, the Nakabandi operated with limited checkpoints, but the recent surge in property-related offences has prompted the police to increase the number of barricaded checkpoints at strategic locations across the city, especially during nighttime hours.

These checkpoints are now manned by teams comprising five members, including jurisdictional police officers and members of the Nere-Hore Kavalu Pade (neighbourhood watch committee), who jointly monitor and inspect vehicle movements to identify and deter suspicious activity.

This enhanced Nakabandi initiative has proven effective in curbing not just theft-related crimes but also in tackling vehicle-related offences such as illegal bike stunts and wheelies. According to officials involved in the drive, the intensified checks have already led to a noticeable drop in incidents over the past few months.

The Nakabandi system has long been a part of city policing, but in recent months, the number of Nakabandi points across

Bengaluru has been significantly increased to tighten control over vehicle movement, especially during night hours.

While the regular night beat system, where a buddy pair of police constables patrol local areas, continues as usual, officials felt the need to step up checks at strategic locations to better monitor and deter suspicious activity.

"Monitoring vehicle movement is just as important as area patrolling. That's why the Nakabandi system was expanded by increasing Nakabandi points, to ensure greater visibility and control," said Commissioner of Police B Dayananda, while speaking to BM.

Property-related crimes at increase

In 2024, the city recorded a total of 1,611 robbery cases, along with a significant number of burglary incidents. Nighttime burglaries were particularly prevalent, with 4,322 cases reported, while 1,128 burglaries occurred during the daytime.

Altogether, the total number of burglary cases, combining both day and night, stood at 5,450, highlighting the growing concern around property-related crimes in the city.

To strengthen the effort, additional staff have been deployed at these Nakabandi checkpoints, many equipped with body-worn cameras to improve accountability and presence.

In a further push for community involvement, the department has also relaunched the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, where citizen volunteers join police teams during checks.

'Saying go & die is not abetment'

The Karnataka High Court recently confirmed the acquittal of three individuals from Hirekerur town, Haveri district, in an abetment to suicide case registered in January 2014.

Justice G Basavaraja, in his order, maintained the acquittal of Ramappa, his son Suresh, and daughter-in-law Swaroopavva, stating: "Even if we accept the prosecution's story that the accused told the deceased to 'go and die', that itself doesn't constitute the ingredients of instigation. The word instigate denotes incitement or urging to do some drastic or inadvisable action, or to

stimulate or incite. The presence of mens rea, therefore, is the necessary concomitant of instigation. It is common knowledge that the words uttered in a quarrel or a spur of the moment can't be taken to be uttered with mens rea and are only in a fit of anger and emotion."

The prosecution presented that Sudha and her husband Nagaraj resided in the same house as the accused. Ramappa, who was Nagaraj's grandfather, requested Sudha to leave the house, claiming ownership. When questioned about where they should go, the

accused allegedly told her to go somewhere and die.

On January 8, 2014, the accused reportedly verbally abused Sudha regarding vacating the premises. They allegedly assaulted her and pulled her sari. Subsequently, Sudha self-immolated using kerosene and succumbed to her burns the next day in the hospital.

Hirekerur police filed charges, including abetment to suicide and criminal intimidation, against the three accused. The sessions court in Haveri acquitted them on July 22, 2017, which the police later challenged. Justice G Basavaraja noted several discrepancies, including delayed submission of the FIR copy to the court. **BMB**

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Persistent drainage problems disrupt life on Hormavu Main Road

Residents report delayed responses to complaints, with workers inspecting the site but leaving without taking any corrective action

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For the past two weeks, residents and commuters on Hormavu Main Road, in Jayanthi Nagar, have been grappling with a recurring drainage problem that shows no signs of being resolved. Despite multiple complaints lodged with the Public Works Department (PWD) and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), no concrete action has been taken so far.

An open drainage in the middle of the road has become a health and safety hazard, particularly worsened by the recent rains. The stagnation of sewage water has led to foul smell, waterlogging, and serious inconvenience to both residents and local businesses.

With vehicles forced to maneuver around the flooded area, the situation is also creating traffic snarls during peak hours. M Ramamurthy, a local shopkeeper whose business is suffering due to the issue, stated that this is not the first time such an issue has plagued the area. "The stench is unbearable, and footfall has dropped significantly. Customers just don't want to come to this stretch anymore," he said.

The repeated nature of the problem points to a larger infrastructure failure. Locals allege that though complaints are regularly submitted to civic authorities, there is often a delay in response if there is one at all. Residents say workers occasionally visit the site, inspect the area, and leave without taking visible corrective measures. Adding to the frustration is the lack of proper barricades or warning signs around the open drain. In the evenings, when visibility is low, commuters have reported near-accidents caused by the exposed channel in the center of the road.

"We are tired of this negligence. Our children walk this road every day, and it's unsafe in every way," said a resident of the area, who requested anonymity.

In the evenings, when visibility is low, commuters have reported near-accidents caused by the exposed channel in the centre of the road

Repeated efforts to obtain a comment from BBMP officials went unanswered.

As Jayanthi Nagar continues to urbanise rapidly, such civic issues are beginning to raise questions about the preparedness of city infrastructure and the accountability of local bodies.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Astronomers have identified possible chemical signs of life on a planet outside our solar system, though they caution the findings require further confirmation. Using the James Webb Space Telescope, researchers from the University of Cambridge detected dimethyl sulfide and dimethyl disulphide compounds produced by microbial life on Earth in the atmosphere of exoplanet K2-18b, located 124 light-years away. Lead researcher Nikku Madhusudhan called it "the strongest sign to date" of potential biological activity beyond the solar system. However, independent experts, including astrophysicist David Clements of Imperial College London, emphasized that while the discovery is promising, it does not yet confirm life. K2-18b, more than twice the size and over eight times the mass of Earth, lies within its star's habitable zone, making it a prime candidate for further study. The findings were published in *Astrophysical Journal Letters*. Scientists are now working to eliminate alternative, non-biological explanations for the detected compounds. Webb, launched in 2021, continues to revolutionize space observation with unprecedented capabilities. — AP



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Is coal really clean? No, not at all

US President Donald Trump recently signed four executive orders designed to boost the U.S. coal industry, outlining steps to protect coal-fired power plants and expedite leases for coal mining on U.S. land. But in touting the benefits of coal, he misrepresented several aspects of its safety and use.

CLAIM: "I call it beautiful, clean coal. I told my people, never use the word coal unless you put beautiful, clean before it."

THE FACTS: The production of coal is cleaner now than it has been historically, but that doesn't mean it's clean. Planet-warming carbon dioxide emissions from the coal industry have decreased over the past 30 years, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Energy lobbyist Scott Segal said that "the relative statement that coal-fired electricity is cleaner than ever before is true, particularly when emissions are measured per unit of electricity produced."

And yet, coal production worldwide still needs to be reduced sharply to address climate change, according to United Nations-backed research. Along with carbon dioxide, burning coal emits sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides that contribute to acid rain, smog and respiratory illnesses, according to the EIA. Over the past 15 years, the U.S. has seen a major shift from coal to natural gas for electricity use, a key reason U.S. carbon emissions have declined over that period.

Coal once provided more than half of U.S. electricity production, but its share dropped to about 16% in 2023, down from about 45% as recently as 2010. Natural gas provides about 43% of U.S. electricity, with the remainder from nuclear energy and renewables such as wind, solar and hydropower. Energy Secretary Chris Wright acknowledged during his confirmation hearing in January that the burning of fossil fuels coal, oil and natural gas — causes climate change. That's because the combustion of fossil fuels is drastically increasing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, warming the planet.

TRUMP: "It's cheap, incredibly efficient, high density and it's almost indestructible."

THE FACTS: Coal is one of the most expensive sources of new power generation. New coal plants would produce electricity at nearly \$90 per megawatt hour on average, though no one in the U.S. is currently building or planning to build a new coal plant, according to estimates from the EIA. Standalone solar without battery storage is the cheapest source of new power generation at about \$23 per megawatt hour on average for new projects connecting to the grid in 2028, the EIA estimates. That includes tax credits and other subsidies under the 2022



Inflation Reduction Act, which help reduce the cost of renewable energy.

New natural gas plants are expected to produce electricity at nearly \$43 per megawatt hour, according to the estimates. A nonpartisan climate policy think tank, Energy Innovation, found that 99% of existing U.S. coal plants are more expensive to keep running than if they're replaced with local solar, wind, and battery storage. Americans immediately begin saving money when coal plants retire and communities transition to clean energy, according to Energy Innovation's 2023 report.

— AP

Greater Bidadi emerges as investment hotspot

Investing in Greater Bidadi or Mysuru Road presents lucrative opportunities for property buyers or for those seeking to enter the real estate market or expand their investment portfolio. These locations, situated strategically on the Bengaluru-Mysuru road, offer a range of advantages and potential for growth that make them highly attractive for property investors. From excellent connectivity and infrastructural development to promising economic prospects and a high quality of life, Bidadi and Mysuru Road have much to offer to investors.

One of the primary reasons why people should consider investing in Bidadi or Mysuru Road is their strategic location and connectivity. Bidadi is strategically located on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway, while Mysuru Road connects



Bengaluru to the historical city of Mysuru. Both locations benefit from their proximity to Bangalore, one of India's major metropolitan cities and a hub of economic activity. Suresh Kumar, a real estate consultant, said, "These areas enjoy excellent connectivity to Bengaluru city, which is a major driver for real estate investment. The

ease of travel and accessibility to key areas make them ideal for both residential and commercial developments. Moreover, Bidadi and Mysuru Road are witnessing significant infrastructural development. The development of wide roads, flyovers, metro connectivity, and other infrastructure projects not only improves connectivity but also contributes to the overall growth."

Ninganna R, a property investor, said, "I chose to invest in Bidadi due to the ongoing infrastructure projects. In addition to connectivity and infrastructure, Bidadi and Mysuru Road offer competitive property prices compared to central Bangalore. Investors can find relatively affordable land and property rates in these areas, making them accessible to a broader range of investors and homebuyers."

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From quiet town to realty hub: Doddaballapur

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International Airport, the proposed Satellite Town Ring Road (STRR), and seamless connectivity to Yelahanka and Devanahalli have given Doddaballapur a push. The Karnataka government's initiatives to promote industrial corridors and textile parks in the area have further boosted demand.

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Plus point: Doddaladamara's location

One of the key advantages of the area's location is its proximity to Mysore Road, which is seen as a significant plus point for buyers. This has led to an increase in demand for plots in the area, further supported by the ongoing Bengaluru-Mysore Expressway pro-



ject, which has boosted land demand in the region. Additionally, the extension of the metro line to Challaghatta has contributed to an increase in land prices in this part of the city. Doddaladamara and its surrounding area are rapidly developing, with large resorts, prestigious educational institutions, and hospitals nearby. As the area continues to evolve, purchasing residential plots along

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The connectivity in this area is also excellent, with BMTC buses available from Ballabagh to the city centre. Additionally, the Challaghatta metro station is located very close, making commuting convenient," said Ravi Shankar, a realtor.

Green and pollution-free location

"For those looking for a residential area free from the pollution of Bengaluru city, Doddaladamara offers an ideal setting. The green environment, along with metro and road connectivity, is attracting real estate investors. The premier residential layout we have developed here has witnessed high demand from working couples, retirees, and government employees. Specifically, those seeking relief from the city's pollution are finding the plots near the green spaces of Doddaladamara particularly appealing," added another realtor.

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Luxury housing in Bengaluru sees growth

Bengaluru's affordable housing market saw a significant 51% decline in unsold stock for properties priced under INR 40 lakh, marking the steepest drop among top cities. Meanwhile, the city's luxury housing segment saw a 57% surge in unsold units, reflecting increased supply and demand.

In the broader context of India's top seven cities, unsold affordable housing units (<INR 40 lakh) dropped 19%, from 1.4 lakh units in Q1 2024 to 1.13 lakh units by Q1 2025. This indicates a recovery in demand, despite limited new supply over the



past year. Bengaluru led this recovery in affordable housing, with the sharpest fall in unsold units.

On the other hand, the

luxury housing segment (>INR 1.5 cr) experienced a 24% rise in unsold stock, with Bengaluru contributing to the overall increase. The demand for high-end properties remains strong, but rising inventory levels and cautious investor sentiment amidst global economic uncertainty have led to a buildup of unsold units.

The market dynamics across Bengaluru reflect broader national trends, where unsold affordable stock in cities like Chennai, Pune, and Kolkata also saw notable decreases, while luxury stock grew in most cities, including Bengaluru.

Bengaluru clocks sharp rise in premium sales

According to the latest report by CBRE South Asia Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru's luxury housing market (units priced INR 4 crore and above) has seen a remarkable 10% share in luxury unit sales in Q1 2025, reflecting a substantial year-on-year growth of nearly 10 times compared to Q1 2024. The city's luxury housing sales surged from only 20 units in Q1 2024 to approximately 190 units in Q1 2025.

Nationally, the luxury housing sector experienced a 28% Y-o-Y growth across India's top seven cities, with a total of around 1,930 luxury units sold in Jan-Mar '25. Delhi NCR led the luxury housing market with nearly 49% of the total

luxury unit sales, followed by Mumbai with 23%, and Bengaluru, making a significant leap, capturing a notable portion of the overall sales. Bengaluru's luxury housing market, which traditionally had a smaller share, has now positioned itself as a key player in the segment, reflecting an increasing demand for high-end properties in the city.

The report also highlighted the overall residential market performance in Jan-Mar '25, where Bengaluru recorded 9,300 unit sales, contributing to a significant portion of the total sales in the country. In terms of new project launches, Bengaluru was the third-highest city with 11,400 units launched during the same

period, showcasing the growing development in the city's residential landscape.

As the demand for luxury living spaces continues to rise in Bengaluru, the city's real estate market remains an attractive proposition for high-end buyers seeking modern and premium living environments. The report also anticipates a steady course for the residential market in 2025, driven by increasing disposable incomes, infrastructure improvements, and favourable financing options. The easing of monetary policy by the RBI is expected to further improve buying sentiments and stimulate continued growth in the luxury housing segment, the report said.



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City must try its hand with vermicompost

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and only 1,000 tonnes (22.22 %) and 300 tonnes (6.67 %) were processed into vermicompost and bio-methanation process, respectively.

As per the analysis, the remaining 3,200 t (71.11 %) of solid waste was landfilled in three sites, and in a year, 11,96,481 tonnes of waste are being accumulated in the landfill sites. BBMP was processing solid waste in three locations, such as MSGP Infratech with a plant capacity of 500 tonnes/day (11.11 %), KCDC, and Mavallipura with a processing capacity of 300 tonnes/day (6.67 %).

There are 12 bio-methanation plants with a capacity of 5 tonnes/day (0.11 %), and vermicomposting was carried out by Karnataka Compost Development Corporation (KCDC) on a commercial scale.

"The bio-degradable portion of solid waste can be processed by using eco-friendly technologies like vermicomposting," noted the analysis conducted by researchers from Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Zonal Agricultural and Horticultural Research Station in Chitradurga and College of Forestry, Ponnampet.

They have also highlighted that recycling of biodegradable solid waste into vermicompost has high scope and is financially feasible with a benefit-cost ratio of above 2 in just two years.

"Efforts should be made to convert biodegradable waste into vermicompost on a larger scale to reduce the burden on the landfills and also the use of chemical fertilisers," it notes. Further, the segregation of solid waste at the source level will make it easy, researchers have noted in the study.

The study was published in the Journal of Scientific Research and Reports.



Sporting in the rain

Scenes from the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday, where Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) took on Punjab Kings (PBKS). Punjab Kings won the toss and elected to field first in the 34th match of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, which was reduced to 14 overs each side because of rain.

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'Govt firm to enact Rohith Vemula Act'

We'll bring legislation, says CM Siddaramaiah after Rahul Gandhi's letter

After Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi's requested to enact the Rohith Vemula Act in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the state government stands firm in its resolve to enact the Act in the state and will bring the legislation at the earliest.

"I thank Rahul Gandhi for his heartfelt letter and unwavering commitment to social justice. Our Government stands firm in its resolve to enact the Rohith Vemula Act in Karnataka -- to ensure no student faces discrimination based on caste, class, or religion. We will bring this legislation at the earliest to honour

the dreams of Rohith, Payal, Darshan, and countless others who deserved dignity, not exclusion," the Karnataka CM posted on X.

"This will be a step towards realising Dr BR Ambedkar's vision of an equal, compassionate India," he added.

Earlier on Friday, Rahul Gandhi wrote to Siddaramaiah, urging the state government to enact the Rohith Vemula Act to ensure that no one faces caste-based discrimination in the education system.

"Recently, I met students and teachers from Dalit, Adivasi and OBC communities in Parliament. During the conversation, they told me how they face caste-based discrimination in colleges and universities. Babasaheb Ambedkar demonstrated that education is the primary means by which even the most deprived can become empowered and break the caste system. But it is very



File photo of All India Students' Association (AISA) protest demanding the enactment of the Rohith Vemula Act, at Freedom Park

unfortunate that even after decades, lakhs of students are facing caste discrimination in our education system. This discrimination has taken the lives of promising students like Rohith Vemula, Payal Tadvai and Darshan Solanki," Rahul Gandhi wrote in a post on X on Friday.

"Such horrific incidents cannot be tolerated at any cost. Now is the time to put a complete stop to this injustice. I have written a letter to Siddaramaiah ji requesting him to implement the Rohith Vemula Act in Karnataka. No child of India should have to face the casteism that Babasaheb Ambedkar, Rohith Vemula and crores of people have faced," he added.

In a letter dated April 16, Rahul Gandhi said, "Here he describes an incident during a long bullock cart journey.

There was plenty of food with us. There was hunger burning within us; with all this, we were to sleep without food; that was because we could get no water, and we could get no water because we were untouchables."

The LoP further said that it is a shame that even today, millions of students from Dalit, Adivasi and OBC communities have to face such brutal discrimination in our educational system.

"The murder of bright young people like Rohith Vemula, Payal Tadvai and Darshan Solanki is simply not acceptable. It is time to put an end to this firmly. I urge the Karnataka government to enact the Rohith Vemula Act so that no child of India has to face what Dr BR Ambedkar, Rohit Vemula and millions of others have had to endure," Lok Sabha LoP added.

Rohith Vemula died by suicide in

January 2016, allegedly upset over disciplinary actions taken against him by Hyderabad Central University, where he was pursuing a PhD. Vemula, a PhD scholar at the Hyderabad Central

University, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in a hostel room on January 17, 2016. He was allegedly upset over disciplinary actions taken against him by the university.

ANI



CLOSER HOME

Karnataka State Police cap redesign talks

The second round of discussions regarding the redesign of Karnataka State Police caps will be held on Saturday. The meeting will be chaired by the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Armed Reserve Forces, Umesh Kumar. The session is scheduled to take place at 11.30 am at the State Police Headquarters in Bengaluru.

During the meeting, the ADGP will hold consultations with senior officers to gather feedback and opinions on the proposed cap changes. This follows a previous meeting held a few days ago, during which the ADGP had instructed officials to collect inputs and suggestions regarding the new cap design. **BMB**

Rowdy wreaks havoc at KR Puram Market

A man created chaos at the KR Puram market early Friday morning. Reportedly under the influence of intoxicants, the accused went on a rampage, vandalising vehicles and threatening bystanders. Officials said the man, identified as Sufiyan, an auto driver, was behaving erratically, shouting in a dramatic manner while wielding a long stick. He broke the windows of parked vehicles and harassed traders and farmers present in the market. The public mobilised and managed to overpower him before alerting the authorities.

Police reached the scene and took him into custody. Preliminary probe suggests he was intoxicated. **BMB**

Family feud was behind couple's suicide

Police have confirmed that the couple from Yadgiri, Mehboob (45) and Parveen (35), who were found dead on Wednesday in a partially constructed building in Dollars Colony had died by suicide due to a family dispute. Mehboob, a mason, and Parveen, a plasterer, had returned to the city after celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr in their hometown. Five days ago, a heated argument reportedly broke out between the couple. Locals alerted authorities after noticing a foul smell from the building, prompting police to investigate.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Mehboob had consumed poison. His wife, Parveen, is believed to have taken her own life after witnessing the incident.

The couple's children live in Yadgir, and the two had come to Bengaluru for work. Sanjaynagar police, who are handling the case, said that forensic experts from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) examined the scene. "The couple had frequent fights, and this incident appears to be a tragic outcome of ongoing domestic discord," said an officer. **BMB**

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'They are like my children'

Research reveals 4 types of indoor plant owners. Which one are you?

Walk into any home or workplace today, and you're likely to find an array of indoor plants. The global market for indoor plants is growing fast – projected to reach more than USD 28 billion (AUD 44 billion) by 2031.

People keep indoor plants inside for a variety of reasons, including as decoration, to clean the air and for stress relief. But my colleagues and I wanted to delve further. What sort of relationships do people have with indoor plants? And what can this tell us about ties between humans and nature?

We surveyed indoor plant owners in Australia, and found many of us form highly meaningful connections with our leafy companions. Some people even consider their plants as family, get anxious about their health and mourn a plant when it dies.

A blooming hobby

People have grown plants inside for thousands of years.

Evidence suggests Egyptians brought plants indoors in the 3rd century BC. The remains of the former city of Pompeii reveal indoor plants used there more than 2,000 years ago, and in medieval England, indoor plants were used in medicine and cooking.

The keeping of indoor plants

became widespread across the world in the second half of the 20th century. The practice was particularly popular during the COVID-19 pandemic, likely due to a desire to connect with nature when access to outdoor green spaces was limited.

The benefits of indoor plants go beyond nature connection. Studies show they can increase positive emotions, reduce stress, enhance productivity, and even decrease physical discomfort such as pain.

However, people have varying levels of connection to their plants, as research by my colleagues and I shows.

Why we love indoor plants

We surveyed 115 Australian adults, recruited through social media posts and poster advertisements at the University of South Australia. Participants were roughly 69 per cent female, 30 per cent male and 1 per cent non-binary, and ranged in age from 18 to 69.

On average, participants owned 15 indoor plants. Some owned a

single indoor plant and one person owned a whopping 500!

Between them, respondents kept 51 varieties of house plants. The most common were succulents, devil's ivy and monstera. They most commonly kept the plants in the living room, kitchen or bedroom.

Across all participants, 11 benefits of having indoor plants were reported.

Half the respondents described the aesthetic appeal of indoor plants. Comments included that indoor plants were "nice to look at", "soften rooms" and "add colour". Participants also reported air quality benefits, and that they found indoor plants calming.

Other less commonly reported benefits were that the plants helped the respondents set habits, improved their physical health, provided distraction, relieved fatigue and had a pleasant smell.

4 types of relationships with indoor plants

Our research identified four types of relationships people have with their indoor plants:

1. Highly connected (14 per cent of respondents)

These people typically described a deep personal connection to their plants. Comments included:

"They are like my children." (male, 28)

"I often water them and take care of them as family members." (female, 26)

"Well I cried over my plants leaf getting broken off today, so you could say I'm pretty attached to her." (female, 21)

"I feel terrible if one dies, I feel as though I have let it down and generally bury it in the garden." (female, 34)

2. Engaged (42 per cent of respondents)

These people enjoyed and tended to their plants, but without deep emotional attachment. For example:

"Watering them and watching them grow is exciting, I feel proud to keep them alive so long" (female, 22)

"I get sad when one dies or is looking droopy, I feel happy when they look alive and freshly watered." (female, 22)

3. Limited engagement (23 per cent)

These respondents enjoyed having indoor plants but spent minimal time caring for them and reported little emotional connection to them. One participant said:

"Feel like indoor plants are fine but through our large windows we can see our outdoor plants and that's more important to us." (female, 45)

4. No relationship (12 per cent)

Participants who did not have a relationship with their indoor plants said:

"Hardly watered it as it's a succulent." (male, 21)

"They are all gifts rather than something I've gone out to buy." (male, 21)

(For the remaining 9 per cent of participants, their responses to the question of their relationship with house plants were invalid and not included.)

Unlocking the potential of indoor plants

Our research suggests indoor plants can enrich our lives in ways we are only beginning to understand.

It's important to note that data for our study were collected in 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic. This context may have influenced our results. For example, some participants may have felt particularly connected to their indoor plants because their access to outdoor green space was curtailed. So, further research is needed in the post-pandemic context.

Human-nature relationships are an emerging field of research. By understanding the relationship between people and plants, we may help unlock the potential for nature to improve our health and wellbeing.

(By Brianna Le Busque, University of South Australia, The Conversation)

MIND, BODY & HEART



All you need to know about...

Diet & liver health

Eat right

Amid a rise in liver diseases among both urban and rural populations, doctors on Friday emphasised the critical link between dietary habits and liver health.

On the eve of World Liver Day, medical experts are sending the message of "Food is Medicine", saying healthy changes today can cut the risk of liver disease by 50 per cent.

Damage reversible

Liver Transplantation Society of India president Dr Sanjiv Saigal said, "Damage done to the liver from poor dietary choices, alcohol, processed food and sedentary lifestyles can be reversed if we take action today."

The liver has a remarkable ability to heal itself and even years of damage can be reversed with the right lifestyle changes, he added.

Rich diet

A diet rich in fresh fruits, green vegetables, whole grains and lean protein not only prevents liver disease but also supports liver regeneration.

"As doctors, we witness miracles when patients switch to cleaner diets -- liver enzyme levels improve, energy levels bounce back and long-term health outcomes become significantly better. The first step is reading food labels and reducing dependency on processed foods," Saigal said.

Not just alcohol related

Liver disease is no longer confined to alcohol abuse. There is a worrying rise in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease due to unhealthy eating patterns, obesity and lack of exercise, according to experts. A recent large-scale study published in "Frontiers in Nutrition" has reinforced the critical role of diet in liver health. Analysing data from more than 1,21,000 (1.21 lakh) participants in the UK Biobank, researchers found that individuals consuming diets with higher pro-inflammatory potential -- measured by the Dietary Inflammatory Index -- had a 16 per cent higher risk of developing chronic liver disease. -PTI

Time is precious

Suhana sports luxury watch at film premiere

Suhana Khan was spotted at the premiere of 'Kesari 2' in Mumbai, to support her best friend Ananya Panday who is also a part of the film. It stars Akshay Kumar, R Madhavan. Suhana was seen in a pretty black dress looking stunning. She accompanied her black

dress with a pair of matching heels and a watch which was worth Rs 1.4 crore.

According to Indian Express, this watch is the Reverso Tribute Nonantime 'Enamel' and costs around Rs 1.4 crore. She flaunted her watch with a lot of panache. Usually, Suhana is an advocate of sustainable fashion. She had repeated her saree which she wore for Manish Malhotra's Diwali party, for one of the functions during Anant



Ambani's wedding. Suhana had also showered praise on Alia Bhatt for repeating her wedding saree for her National award win.

Suhana had said during a conversation with NDTV, "Recently, Alia Bhatt wore her wedding saree again to receive her national award. As somebody with a platform who has an influence, I thought that was incredible with a much-needed message. She did that and she took a stand towards sustainability while advocating for that. If Alia Bhatt can re-wear her wedding saree then we can also repeat an outfit for a party, we don't need to buy a new outfit."

While Suhana has now flaunted a luxury watch, her father SRK has a long list of luxury watches.

According to the same report, Shah Rukh has an Audemars Piguet watch worth Rs 4.2 crore which he was captured wearing in 2024. He also owns a Patek Philippe costing Rs 1.1 crore and a Richard Mille Tourbillon worth Rs 6 crore.

Suhana made her debut with 'The Archies' directed by Zoya Akhtar which released on OTT. She is reportedly set to share screen space with her father Shah Rukh in 'King' directed by Siddharth Anand. It also stars Abhishek Bachchan.

-ETimes

Tamannaah's day off

Actor chills out with stunning view from her window



Actress Tamannaah Bhatia enjoyed her day off with a stunning view outside her room.

The diva took to her Instagram handle and dropped a video of a group of ducks outside her window. The ducks walking in the garden made for a soothing sight.

Sharing a sneak peek into her me time, Tamannaah wrote on social media, "You know it's a Day off when you see Ducks outside your room."

Work-wise, Tamannaah recently graced the screen with Ashok Teja's supernatural thriller, "Odela 2", which was released on April 17.

'Odela' creator Sampath Nandi revealed that Tamannaah walked barefoot and turned a complete vegetarian while shooting for the sequel.

When asked how they arrived at Tamannaah's look for the film, Nandi said,

"Tamannaah plays a Naga sadhu, a character with mysterious energy. First, we tried three looks. Tamannaah is very fair and Naga saints are generally known to be in the sun. Therefore, their skin is tanned and their skin tone is different. No matter how many makeups we tried for Tamannaah, it was hard to get a realistic feel."

"There are foreigners among Naga saints too and Tamannaah's skin turns pink when she is in the sun. We thought we would arrive at her look without any makeup. I told this to designer Neeta Lulla and sent all the costumes that I had taken as references. She made a couple of designs. Finally, we got the look you see now. It took a lot of time to prepare this look. We took a lot of care for the look," he added.

Nandi further disclosed that Tamannaah acted barefoot in the sun for "Odela 2".

"She became a complete vegetarian. I think Tamannaah garu was able to do such a character because she was on a transitional journey. She performed this character effortlessly," he disclosed.

-IANS

A unique world

VEERA CHANDRAHASA (KANNADA)

3.0 RATING ★★★★★

• **DIRECTOR** Ravi Basrur
 • **ACTORS** Dr Shivarajkumar, Chandan Shetty, Shithil Shetty Airbail, Prasanna Shettigar, Nagashree GS, and Uday Kadabal.
 • **Duration** 154 minutes
 • **Certification** UA



Musician and director Ravi Basrur, who is known for his 2019 film Girmite, has done an excellent job with showcasing Yakshagana and creating awareness among moviegoers on the legend Chandahasa. The specialty of the movie is that it transports the audiences to a different world. Background music and Yakshagana add value to the movie. The director's specialty is his innovative narrative skills. Dr Shivarajkumar's brief appearance has elevated the movie.

The movie is about a vicious minister known as Dustabuddhi (Prasanna Shettigar), who comes to know that an orphan will be a threat to his position and status. A priest predicts the orphan will become the king and marry Dustabuddhi's daughter. As expected, Dustabuddhi engages people to kill the orphan. He thinks that the boy is killed and his position is safe and secure.

Meanwhile, the director introduces a scene narrating how Chandahasa (Shithil Shetty Airbail) was rescued by Kuntala King and how he defeated some of the subordinate kings. Dushtabuddhi comes to know that Chandahasa is none other than the orphan boy who is assumed to be killed. He plans to kill Chandahasa. Will Dushtabuddhi succeed in his mission? You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Chandahasa.

Dr Shivarajkumar makes a brief appearance as Shiva Puttaswamy. His dialogues on the need of sacrificing everything for the welfare of people, culture and kingdom are punchy. Prasanna Shettigar has excelled in dialogue delivery, gestures and body language. Shithil Shetty Airbail has also acted well. Chandan Shetty, Uday Kadabal, Nagashree GS provide good support.

The movie is worth a watch for those who are interested in tales of legends.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

KADEEMA (KANNADA)

2.5 RATING ★★★★★

• **DIRECTOR** Sai Pradeep
 • **ACTORS** Chandan, Anousha K Bhat, Yash Shetty, Shobharaj, V Manohar, Girija Lokesh, and Mukhyamantri Chandru.
 • **Duration** 143 minutes
 • **Certification** UA

A mix of action, comedy, and love



After watching this film, one would feel the director should have focused on the script and kept the screenplay crisp. Chase and action scenes have not added value to the movie. However, it does have a message to society, especially to young men who get carried away by wily politicians' words. The other plus point of the movie is

the use of KR Market for its shooting. The market is a strong locale and may become a favourite with filmmakers.

Kadeema begins with Siddappa

(Mukhyamantri Chandru) and Gowri (Girija Lokesh) running an eatery where a group of youths gather for a cup of tea or coffee. Surya (Chandan), a thief and a follower of politician Krishna Reddy (Shobharaj), happens to meet Prakruthi (Anousha Bhat), a theatre artiste. Smitten by her beauty, Surya falls in love with Prakruthi who mistakes him as a good person. Siddappa and Gowri advise Surya to change his habits to lead a life with dignity.

Kishore Reddy wants Surya to continue anti-social activities but the latter refuses. Prakruthi comes

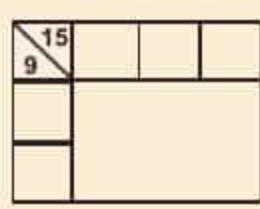
to know that Surya is a thief. Siddappa dies in a road accident. The more Surya wants to get closer to Prakruthi the more she maintains distance from him. You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Surya and Prakruthi and whether or not Kishore Reddy allows Surya to lead a good life.

Chandan makes debut as a hero in Sandalwood with this movie, but he has a lot to do to establish himself as an actor. His dialogue delivery is good but gestures and body language are not up to the mark. Anousha Bhat has acted well. Music director-cum-actor V Manohar plays the moneylender in the movie. Veteran actors Mukhyamantri Chandru and Girija Lokesh provide good support. Shobharaj and Yash Shetty are convincing villains.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

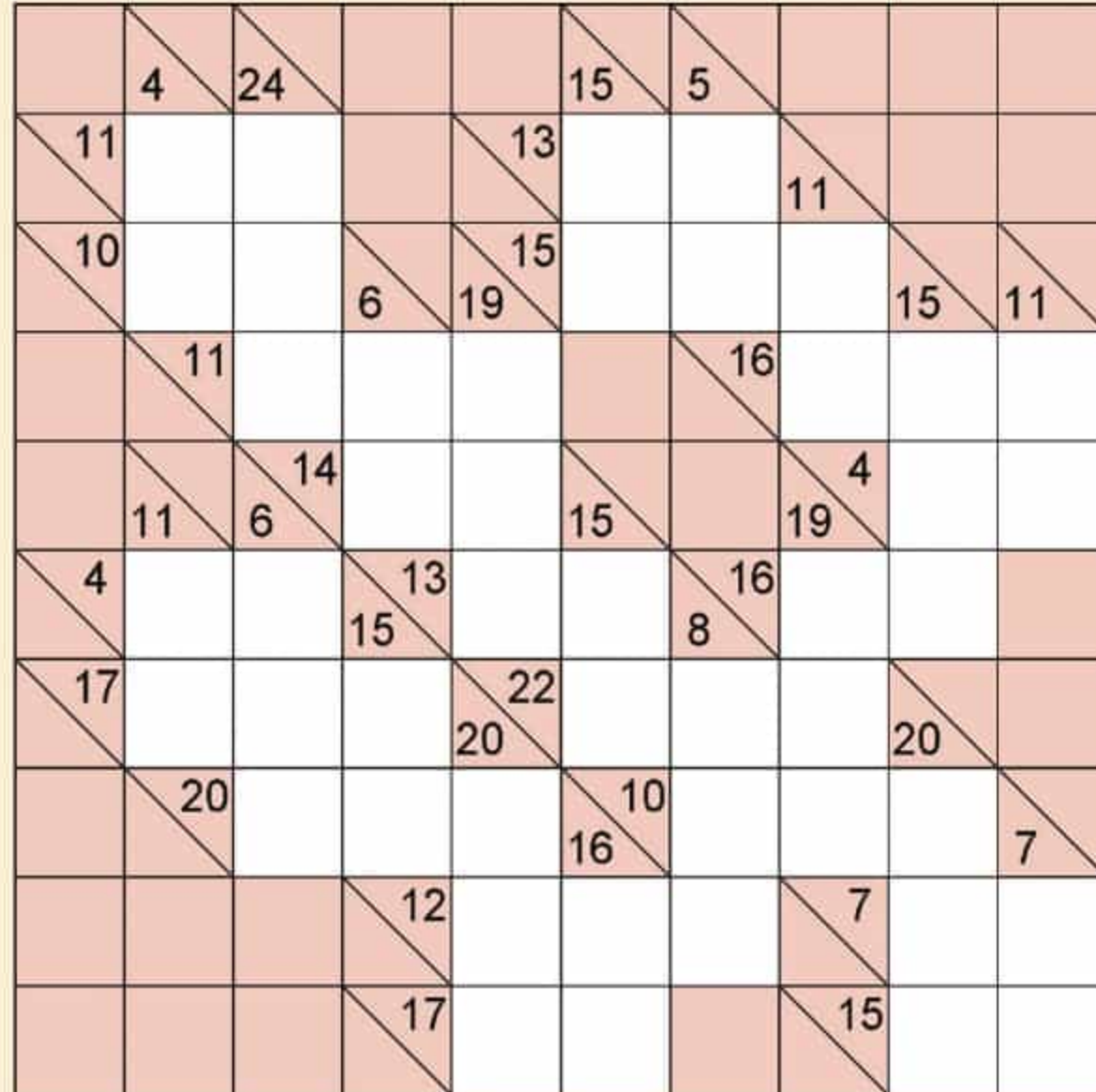
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

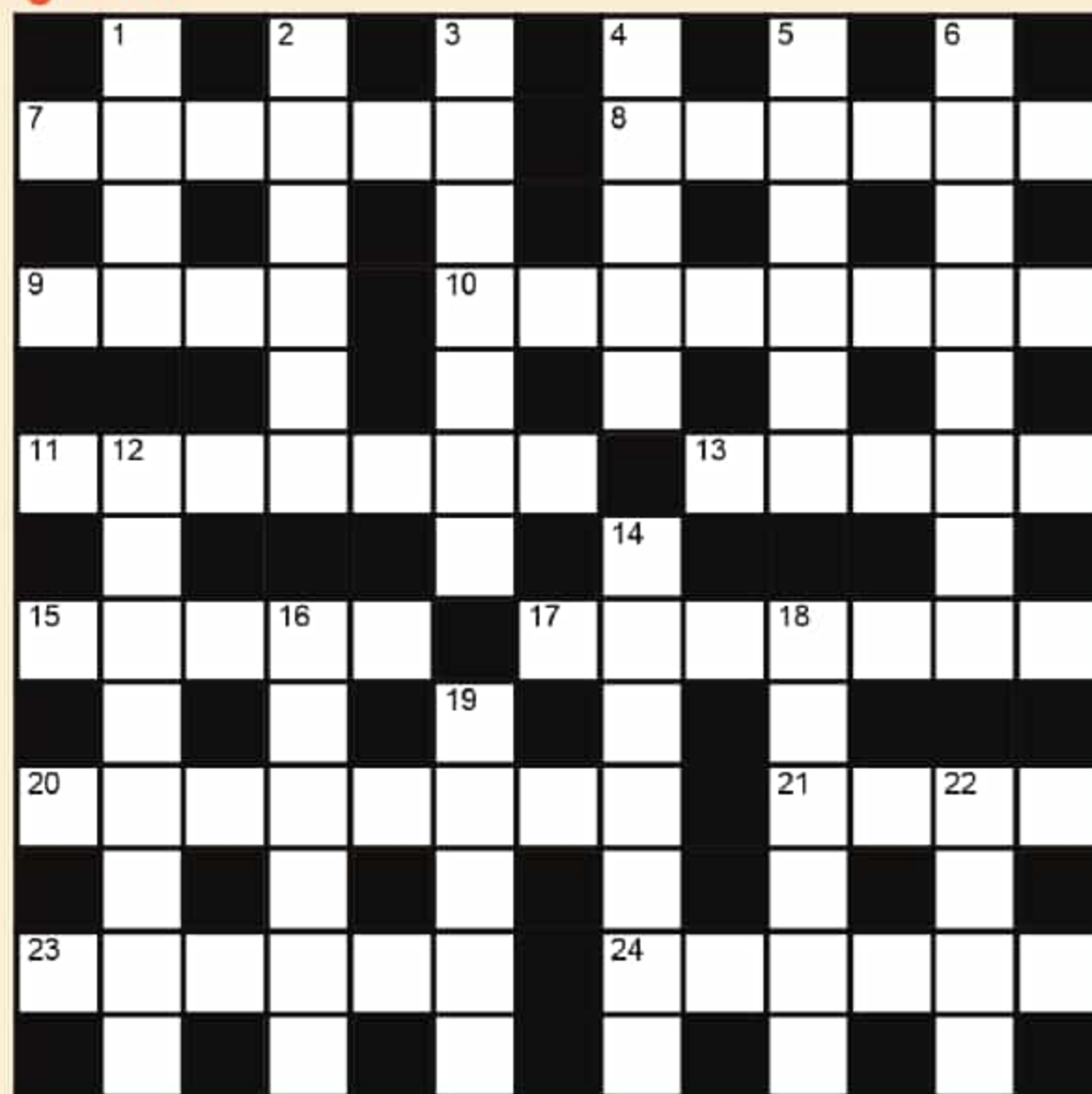


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Two-piece swimsuit (6)
- 8 Delayed (4,2)
- 9 Legume seed (4)
- 10 Laments, dirges and even eulogies (3,5)
- 11 Striking on a golf green (7)
- 13 Biblical hymn (5)
- 15 Have a good time? (5)
- 17 Computer operating system (7)
- 20 70s Russian leader Leonid (8)
- 21 Chamarajpet has a church dedicated to this saint (4)
- 23 Nastier; coarser or ruder (6)
- 24 Rat-like animals (6)

DOWN

- 1 Cut with the teeth (4)
- 2 Small seal (6)
- 3 At one _____: bewildered or perplexed (4,3)
- 4 Reprove (5)
- 5 Inundations (6)
- 6 One-storey home (8)
- 12 Deprived of courage (8)
- 14 Coats with a shiny white appearance? (7)
- 16 Trickling or leaking slowly out (6)
- 18 Adulterate (6)
- 19 Habituate, get used to (5)
- 22 Seaweed (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS T
WNK ZOQYQWB WE MELGJ
ZWWKUWQEU EU QVSEPZWUW
WNQUDJ QJ Z FKMQUQUD
LNZPZLWKPQJWQL EM QU-
WKYYQDKULK.



Linemaro

You are the cutest zombie I have ever seen



Mindchow

To keep your secret is wisdom; to expect others to keep it is folly



Joke of the day

He reminds me of the kid in fifth grade who reminded the teacher she forgot to give the homework

Loop

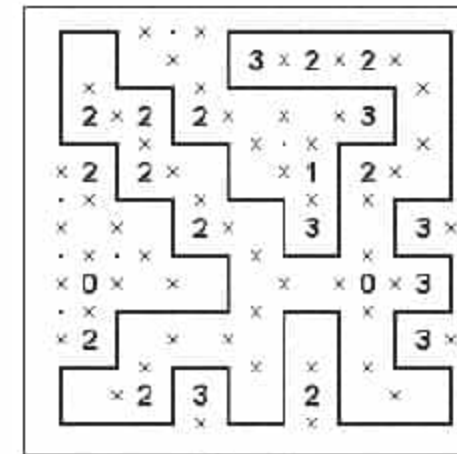
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

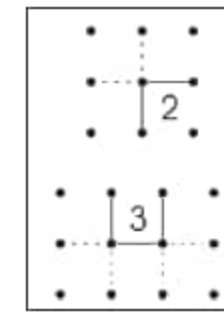
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

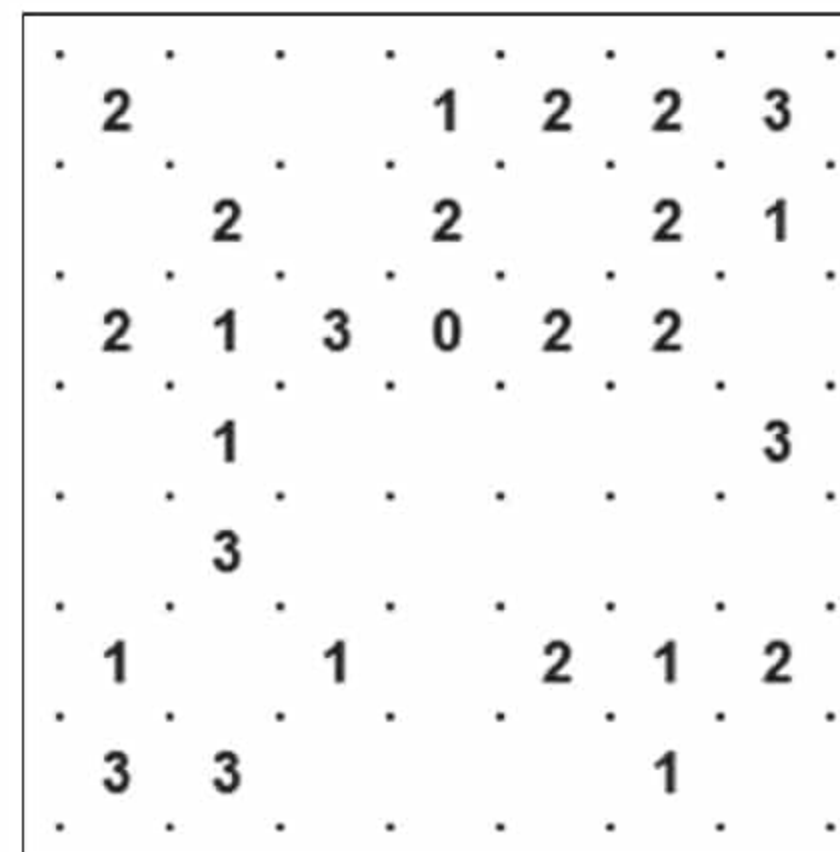
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



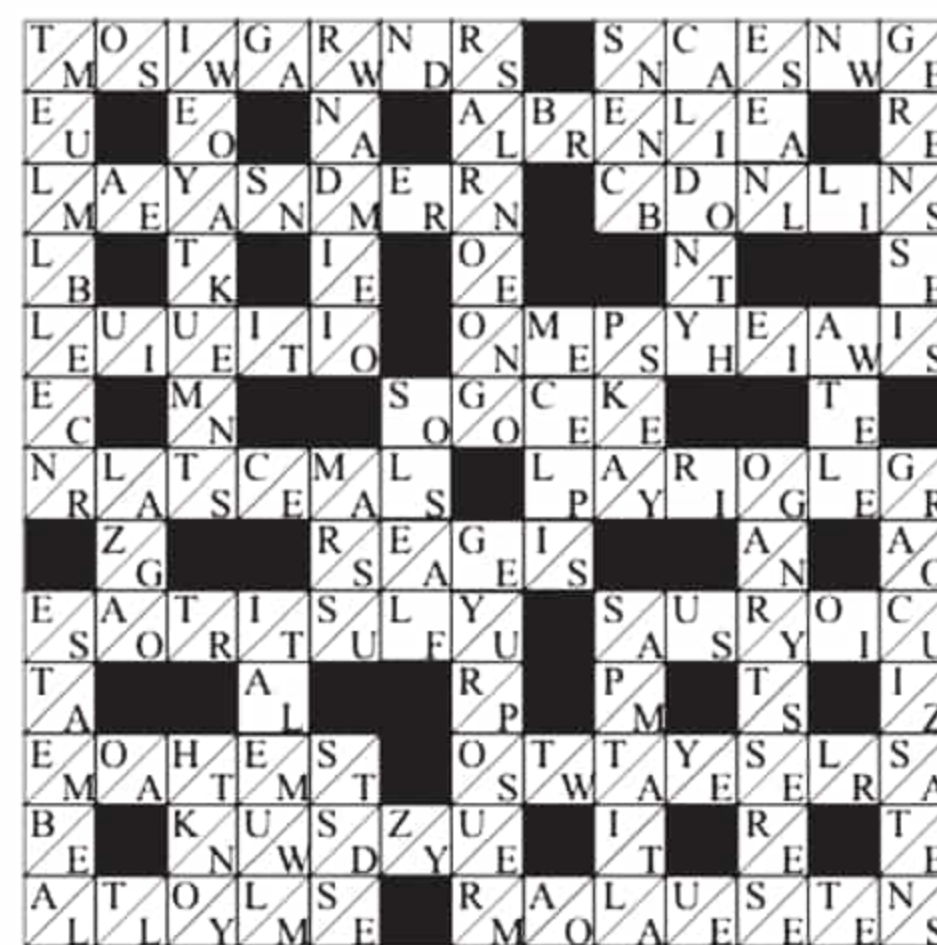
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



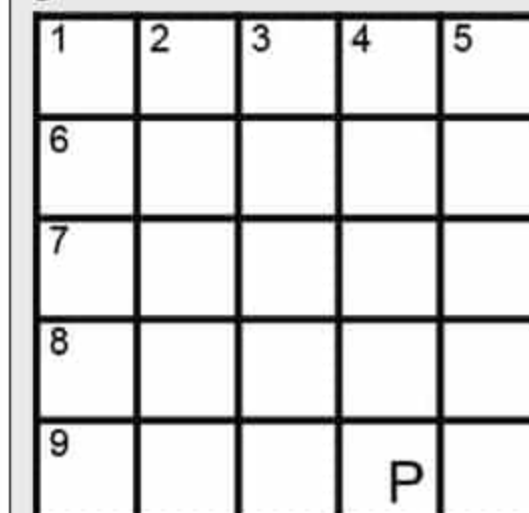
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

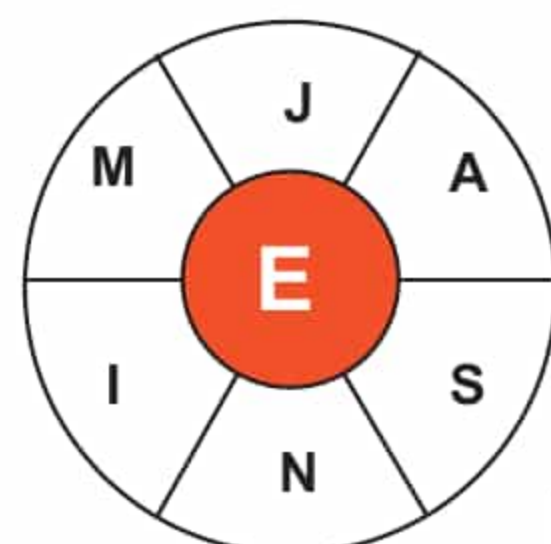
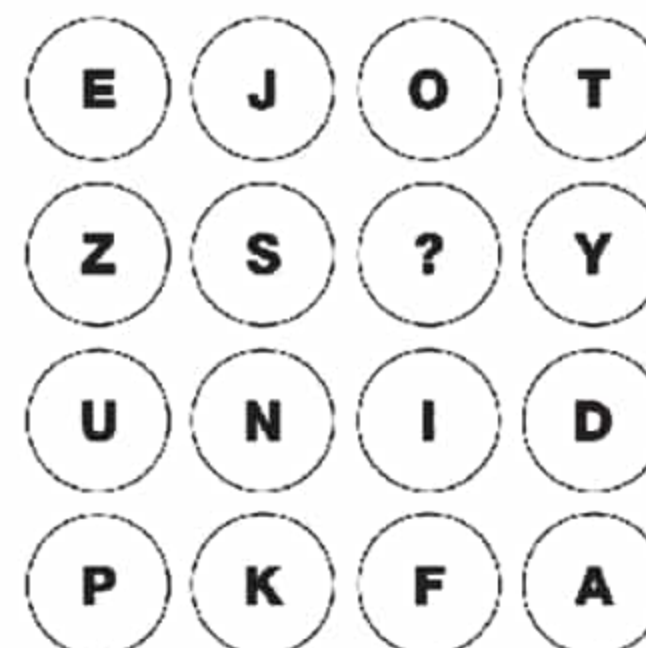
- 1 CBS so; 6 Trave;
- 7 On air; 8 Lump C;
- 9 Oh mop

DOWN

- 1 Bacon; 2 OO Vol;
- 3 Muser; 4 Mr Pic;
- 5 Paths

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Easy

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

3 3 7 8 = 9

Medium

3 5 6 6 = 7

Hard

2 5 6 8 = 50

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Curtain is missing. 2. Thumb is moved. 3. Shelf is longer. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Tree is taller. 6. Rear window of car is different.

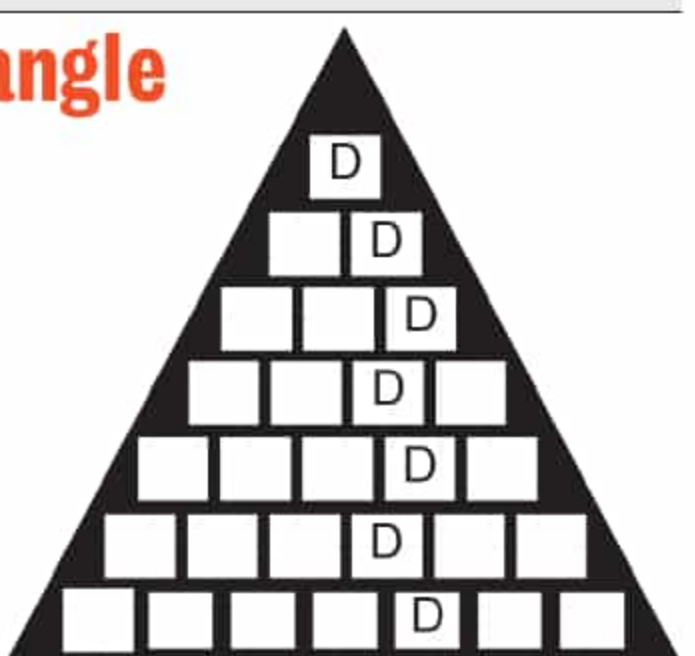
Riddler

What is the only self-enumerating number in English?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Vitamin type
- 2 Identity, abbr.
- 3 Disencumbered
- 4 Travel on
- 5 Groom's partner
- 6 Restrain
- 7 Excellent sporting performance

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.



COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



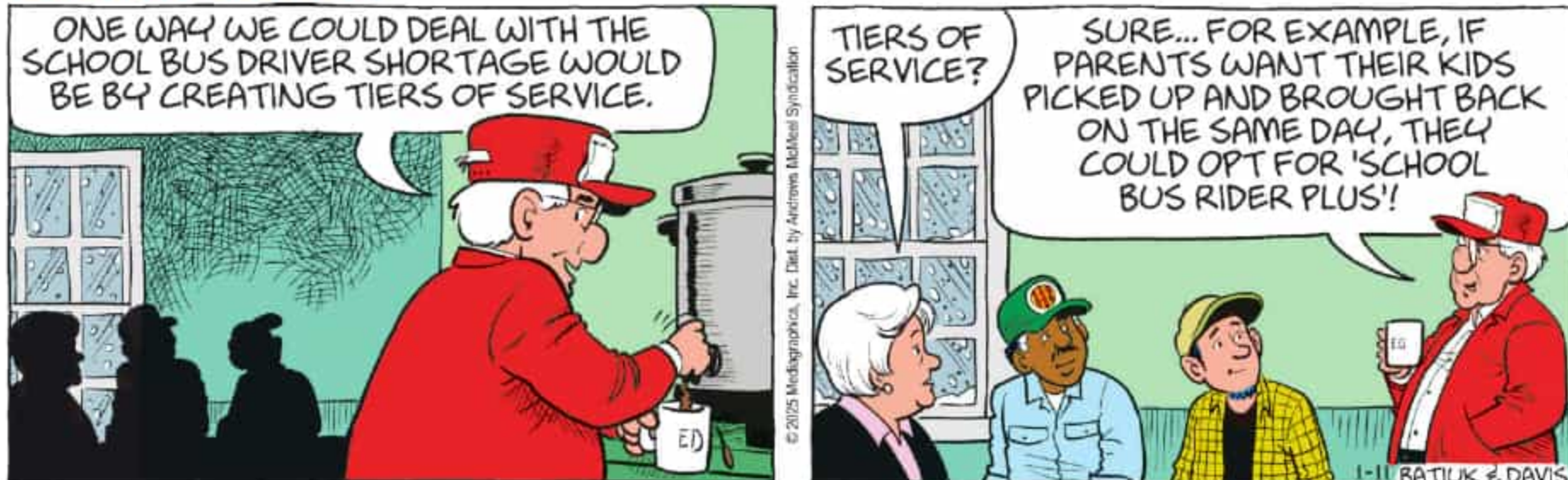
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

The Moon brings happiness and relief from recent stress. Your hard work begins to show results, and postponed tasks may finally move forward with help from subordinates. Business gains are likely, boosting your financial stability.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

You'll find it easier to handle challenging tasks today, increasing your self-confidence. Past investments may start yielding returns. However, avoid arguments over trivial matters, as they can drain your energy and time unnecessarily.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

The Moon blesses you with happiness and emotional relief from recent setbacks. Your social network may help you restart delayed projects. A new venture could begin with support from siblings or close contacts, boosting your personal and professional life.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

You may feel low on energy and experience minor health issues. It's wise to postpone investments and avoid launching new ventures. Business losses or unexpected setbacks in profits may occur—proceed with caution and steer clear of risks for now.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today may bring dissatisfaction or restlessness. You might feel unfulfilled with current circumstances. Avoid impulsive decisions and focus on emotional balance. Paying attention to your parents' well-being is also important.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Work demands may test your focus today. With patience and dedication, you'll stay on course and achieve your goals. Your efforts may be recognized with praise or rewards. Consider investing in fixed assets, as the time is favorable.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

A peaceful and focused day awaits you. Your mind will be calm, helping you stay on track with your goals. Romantic moments with your spouse may deepen your bond. Domestic matters may require attention, but you'll manage them effectively.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Quick decision-making could improve your daily routine and productivity. With support from colleagues, you'll likely resolve ongoing challenges. Property disputes with siblings may find resolution. Short trips are possible and could prove beneficial.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Luck supports your endeavors today, making it easier to achieve success. A visit to a spiritual place might bring peace of mind. You could also pursue intellectual or spiritual interests. Students will perform well, and singles may meet a promising partner. Couples might take steps toward marriage.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Your enthusiasm will reflect in your work, likely improving relationships with seniors. A promotion or added responsibilities may be coming. You might also receive favorable news in legal matters, and any opposition will be effectively managed.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Be mindful of your direct communication style—it might unintentionally hurt someone's feelings. Avoid overspending on unnecessary items. Your thoughts may be scattered, so take your time when making important decisions.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

You'll be immersed in work today, and your strong network will help you implement plans efficiently. Profits from past investments may come through. Romantic moments with your spouse will enhance your relationship. Lovebirds will enjoy meaningful time together.



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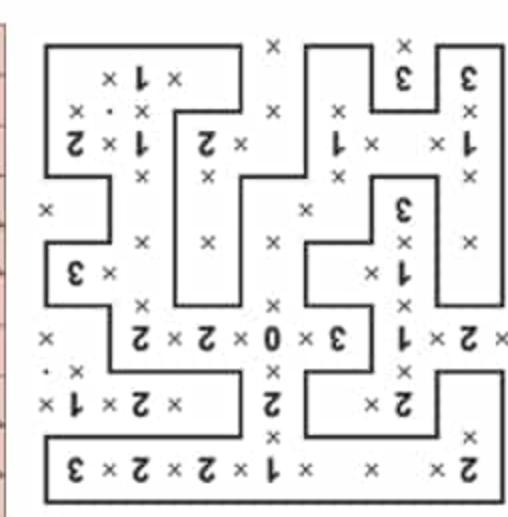
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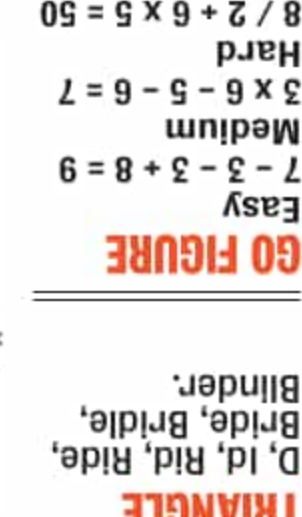
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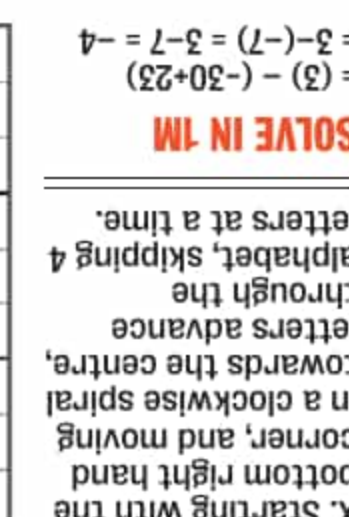
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